COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

of the

COLCHESTER BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

and the

COLCHESTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027

This collective bargaining agreement (hereinafter to be referred to as "Agreement") is the result of collective bargaining negotiations between the School Board of the Colchester School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), and the Colchester Education Association (hereinafter referred to as the "C.E.A." or "Association").

PREAMBLE:

The Colchester Board of Education (Board) and the Colchester Education Association (CEA) share a commitment to educational quality for the students of the Town of Colchester. We have come together to form and update a document that defines the employment relationship for the certified teaching staff. We agree that good schools are responsive to the needs of students, parents, and community members while remaining attentive to the working conditions that promote excellent teaching.

Our commitment to good schools is a community-minded responsibility that includes a commitment to respectful relationships within the whole school community and to a safe and healthy environment for learning and teaching.

No contract, regardless of the specificity and clarity, can resolve the myriad issues that arise during a school year. We believe that such issues are best resolved through collaboration and compromise among the parties involved, rather than through an overly prescriptive contract. And though our common history undeniably shapes current issues, that history should influence, but not dictate, our future.

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SECTION I

DEFINITIONS:

The following terms shall have the following meanings throughout this Agreement unless the text otherwise expressly requires:

- (a) "Board" shall mean the Colchester Board of Education or its successor or assignees.
- (b) "C.E.A." shall mean the Colchester Education Association or its successor or assignees.
- (c) "District" shall mean the Colchester School District or its successor.
- (d) "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of Schools for the District, or their designee, or their successor or assignees.
- (e) "School Day" shall mean a day when children within the District are scheduled to be attending school for all or a portion of said day. "School Day" shall also apply to time for parent conferences as well as workdays or student days.
- (f) "Educator" shall mean any person licensed employable as an educator by the state board of education who is not an administrator.
- (g) "Contract" shall mean the individual employment contract entered between an educator and the district.
- (h) "Fiscal Year" and "Year" shall mean July 1st through June 30th the year during which an employment contract between an educator and the District shall be effective.
- (i) "Weekday" shall mean Monday through Friday excluding legal holidays.
- (j) Fringe Benefits shall mean insurance, leaves, and tuition reimbursement.
- (k) The term "immediate family" shall include the following relatives of the educator and of the educator's spouse/partner: spouse/partner, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, and grandparent, irrespective of the residence of any such person as well as any other person who is a member of the educator's household at the time of their death, sickness, illness or injury.
- (1) Part-time educators are defined as having less than a 1.0 FTE educator's contract.

- (m) Sick Leave is defined as leave taken for any event of sickness, illness, or injury.
- (n) Sick bank is a collection of days donated by members of the bargaining unit into a "bank" for use by other members of the unit when applicable.

SECTION II

RECOGNITION:

- (a) The Board recognizes the Association for the purpose of collective negotiations, pursuant to Title 16, Chapter 57 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as the exclusive representative of a unit consisting of all educators of the Colchester School System, certificated by the State of Vermont excluding administrative personnel as defined by Title 16, Chapter 57, V.S.A.
- (b) Unless otherwise indicated, the employees in the above unit will be hereinafter referred to as "educators."

SECTION III

TERM OF SERVICE:

(a) An educator shall teach, instruct, or otherwise devote their effort and time to the District for a period of up to one hundred eighty-seven (187) workdays per year, in accordance with the following table:

Student Instruction	176
Student/Workday/Conferences	2
Local in-service days/smart start	8
Classroom preparation in-service	1
TOTAL	187

No more than one hundred seventy-eight (178) days shall be "School days," as defined in Section I of this agreement. The remaining days shall be scheduled at the discretion of the District for the following purposes: (1) educator professional development activity or educator participation in District-sponsored activities that are designed to increase staff competency and/or improve the curriculum of the District; (2) administrative activities which may include, but shall not be limited to educator meetings; and (3) Smart Start for orientation as one of the in-service days. (4) Prek-5 educators will have an additional 0.5 day of classroom prep during opening in-service, totaling 1.5 classroom prep days (resulting in 0.5 day less of in-service for these educators) at the start of the school-year.

(b) PART-TIME EDUCATORS

Part-Time educators shall be provided fringe benefits based on proration. Proration of time/benefits for part time educators shall be based on the relationship to the full-time positions at the school, but each class/teaching period at Colchester High School and Colchester Middle School is equal to .20 FTE. Certain insurances have additional restrictions. See page 17 for hybrid employees.

• Part-time educators who were employed on 10/22/05 shall continue to receive 100% benefits as long they are continuously employed at or above the .50 FTE level.

(c) PART-YEAR EDUCATORS

Full-time educators employed by the District for less than the entire school year

- shall receive full salary and insurance benefits for the period in which they are employed. Leaves shall be prorated. This does not apply to Long Term Substitute Educators.
- (d) New employee benefits will commence on the first day of the contract year or in accordance with the insuring company's policy.
- (e) In the event that the District postpones a scheduled workday, educators shall not be required to report to work. A scheduled workday that is postponed shall be made up at a time determined by the Superintendent using the Board's adopted calendar or the Board, after consultation with the Association.
- (f) The Board shall offer a contract of employment to an educator annually. An educator receiving a contract shall indicate acceptance of the offer by signing and returning the contract within ten working days or the position will be considered vacant, and that educator will have no vested right to the position. The Superintendent, at the written request of an individual educator, may grant an extension for the return of an individual contract.

SECTION IV

COMPENSATION:

- a) The salaries of all certified educators covered by this Agreement are set forth in Appendix A-1 and A-2, which are made part of this Agreement. The salary schedule column caps for the salary grids are (BA Step 5, BA+15 Step 8, BA+30 Step 10, and MA Step 12). Educators located on steps beyond these caps will be frozen at their salary step.
- b) Salary Schedule Placement: New educators with no relevant experience will be placed on Step 1 in the appropriate column. New educators with relevant experience will be placed on the same step, and in the appropriate column, based on their experience as it pertains to their peer group. If current employees with the same experience are placed on different steps, the new hire will be placed on the lower or the lowest of those two or more steps. Part-time educators will be credited with one (1) years' experience on the salary schedule for each year of part-time service equal to 0.50 FTE or greater.
- c) Educators who earn approved academic credits sufficient to change their placement on the salary schedule prior to September 1st, and who provide a written report of such credits to the Superintendent on or before October 30th of the school year, shall change columns and receive an appropriate salary increase, as set forth in Appendix A-1 and A-2 of this Agreement retroactive to the start of the school year. Educators who earn a column change will move down one step from the previous contract year, unless limited by the column cap.
- d) Educators at step 16 or frozen on a lower step will stay on that step and index until they move horizontally on the schedule. Their salaries will be calculated by multiplying the base by the index. Educators frozen on steps less than 16 will be credited with experience accrued while frozen on step when they move horizontally on the schedule; provided they are not below the line above which vertical step movement occurs. Educators who move horizontally but remain below this line will move laterally to the proper step and index for that column but will not advance a vertical step. Educators shall not advance experience/steps for the time taught during the 2008 2011 contract for which no step movement accrued.
- e) Educators shall receive their first paycheck of each school year on the first biweekly paydate following the first educator workday. Educators shall be paid, at their option, in either twenty-two (22) or twenty-six (26) equal installments.
- f) Superintendent approved hours/credits for workshops and conferences (15 hours equals one credit) earned post master's degree shall be counted towards further horizontal movement on the salary schedule.

SECTION V

SICK LEAVE:

(a) At the beginning of each year, twenty (20) sick days will be added to the educator's accumulated sick leave balance. The educator will have the total of the new sick leave days added to the accumulated balance available as sick leave. The carry-over balance will not exceed eighty (80) days for the next year.

The July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008, contract established a new sick leave cap at 80 days. Those educators that had balances up to the previous cap of 150 days retained those balances. Educators who had accumulated between eighty (80) and one hundred fifty (150) days as of June 30, 2005, shall retain said days until utilized.

Sick leave may not be utilized to offset the difference between disability benefits and an educator's full salary.

- (b) In the event that an educator shall have been absent from the classroom due to sickness, illness or injury for a period of five (5) or more consecutive school days in any one year, the Superintendent or their designee may request a physician's certificate from said educator stating the type or nature of the ailment and the probable duration of said educator's absence. The Superintendent or their designee may also request a physician's certificate in any case where they believe that an abuse of sick leave privileges may be taking place.
- (c) In the event that an educator shall have consumed or exhausted all the sick leave to which they are entitled during the year a deduction shall be made from their compensation equal to 1/187 of said educator's salary as determined by the appropriate salary schedule in the Agreement for each additional school day during which said educator is absent due to sickness or injury.
- (d) The Superintendent or designee shall maintain for each educator a cumulative record of the number and dates of absence for which sick leave has been granted. Sick leave information is shown on biweekly pay stubs and can be viewed through the district employee software.
- (e) An educator may use their available sick leave to care for immediate family who are sick or injured.

SECTION VI

DISABILITY:

(a) Educators shall apply for LTD coverage on or before their ninetieth (90th) consecutive calendar day of absence due to a medical condition. An educator shall no longer be considered an employee of the District on the first June 30 twelve months following the date the educator has begun receiving a combination of sick leave, LTD benefits, and unpaid leave pursuant to this Agreement. The District will continue to pay its share of educator's medical insurance coverage, as provided by this Agreement, for nine months (i.e., 270 calendar days) following the date that the educator becomes eligible for LTD benefits; thereafter the educator shall be entitled to the benefit continuation rights provided by law e.g., COBRA.

SICK BANK

(a) The District shall maintain a sick bank for educators. The maximum number of days that the sick leave bank may issue in any school year will be no more than two hundred and forty (240) days. To maintain a balance of 240 days in the sick leave bank, on September 1st each year, the District shall deduct one accrued sick day from educators, starting with the most senior and continuing based on seniority, until the sick bank has a balance of 240 days. If necessary, the District may deduct more than one day from some educators to replenish the sick leave bank. Any educator who uses the sick leave bank shall have up to five sick leave days deducted from his or her sick time the following school year.

No individual educator may draw more than sixty (60) days total in any two consecutive school years. Participants may only utilize the sick leave bank benefit when they have exhausted all other accumulated leave days and because of illness/injury that renders the educator unable to work and qualifies for FMLA/VPFLA. For leave related to the employee's illness/injury, the paid leave requested may not exceed the elimination period for long-term disability insurance, up to a total of ninety calendar days.

The Superintendent or designee shall administer the sick leave bank. The Superintendent or designee shall determine employee eligibility for the sick leave bank. The sick leave bank cannot be used for voluntary procedures, procedures that are voluntarily scheduled during the school year, or procedures that are cosmetic in nature.

(b) The Superintendent or their designee shall maintain the record of the sick bank balance by recording annual contributions to the sick bank up to the 240-day maximum and recording the deductions for any sick bank days used during the year. The sick bank will be replenished as per item (b) of Section VI in the following year.

SECTION VII

DISCRETIONARY DAYS:

- (a) An educator shall be entitled to up to three (3) school days, six (6) half days, or a combination of full days and half days not to exceed three (3) school days, without loss of pay, to be used at their discretion.
- (b) A discretionary day will not be granted to an educator on the last scheduled school day before a holiday or vacation, or on the first scheduled day after a holiday or vacation, except in an emergency in which case the educator will state the nature of the emergency.
- (c) An educator shall notify the principal of their school building of their intent to take a discretionary day at least twenty-four hours in advance, except in cases of emergency. In no event shall more than ten percent (10%), rounding that number up to the nearest full person, of the teaching staff of any building be eligible for discretionary days on any one (1) school day.
- (d) If an educator does not utilize all their discretionary time by the end of the fiscal year, unused time will be converted to sick time at the start of the next fiscal year up to the designated limit.

SECTION VIII

EXTENDED LEAVES:

(a) MILITARY SERVICE

The District shall provide such leave and reemployment rights as required by state and/or federal law for any educator who enters the military service of the United States of America.

(b) ORGANIZATIONAL

Upon request of the C.E.A., one (1) educator from the District shall be granted a leave of absence, without compensation, for a period not exceeding one (1) school year for the purpose of engaging in activities of the C.E.A. and/or its affiliates.

Should a member of the bargaining unit, however, serve as the President of the Vermont National Education Association, they shall be granted a leave of absence, without compensation, for the period, up to two (2) school years, that they hold that office. Leaves under this subsection shall be for a full school year and may be extended at the discretion of the School Board.

(c) OTHER LEAVES

An educator may request a leave of absence without compensation for purposes other than those set forth in this Section. The Board may grant, deny, or modify any such request. Leave requests shall be submitted to the superintendent by April 30th of the year prior to the requested leave year unless extenuating circumstances emerge.

(d) ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE AND FRINGE BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

Accumulated sick leave to which an educator shall be entitled prior to the commencement of a leave of absence pursuant to this Section shall be restored in full upon return to employment. Other fringe benefits may be continued at the discretion of the Board of Education.

(e) REASSIGNMENT AFTER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Upon return from an extended leave of absence, the educator will be assigned to the position they held prior to their leave or to an equivalent position for which they are licensed and qualified. If the educator agrees, however, they may be assigned to another position for which they are qualified.

This provision shall not be interpreted or applied to guarantee an educator's employment in the event of a staff reduction while on leave. Educators who are returning from leave of absence will be deemed to have the same rights as other members of the bargaining unit. An educator shall not receive an experience step on the salary schedule for time spent on an unpaid leave of absence for more than 50% of the contracted days.

(f) STATUTORY LEAVE

The Board shall comply with the requirements of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") and the Vermont Parental & Family Leave Act ("VPFLA"), herein after referred to jointly as the "Acts." Leave pursuant to these acts shall be provided according to the Board's policies and practices. Pursuant to these policies and practices, whenever an employee is entitled to and/or granted paid or unpaid leave pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the employee is also entitled to leave pursuant to either of the Acts for the same occurrence, both the leave provided pursuant to the Agreement and that which is provided pursuant to the Acts will be provided concurrently. Leave under the Acts will also be provided concurrently with Workers' Compensation benefits where concurrent entitlement exists. All other matters regarding the administration of leave provided pursuant to the Acts shall be as provided by the District's policies and practices.

(NOTE: Any prior practice or occurrence which is inconsistent with this proposal or application of the Vermont Parental and Family Medical Leave Act to educators is disavowed and discontinued.)

(g) SENIORITY

Seniority will continue to accrue during all paid leaves of absence; see Section XV - Reduction in Staff.

(h) FAMILY LEAVE

The District shall provide such leave and re-employment rights as required by state and/or federal law for family leave purposes. This shall include leave required due to pregnancy or childbirth to the extent such occurrences are covered by said state or federal law. Where eligible under FMLA and/or VPFLA, each employee is entitled to utilize up to six (6) weeks (30 contracted days) of the

employee's accrued sick time for maternity/paternity leave after the birth/adoption of a child.

(i) LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS

Any educator employed to replace an educator who has been granted an extended leave of absence shall be issued a non-renewable contract for the duration of the leave. Such replacement educator shall not be entitled to any of the reemployment rights for a succeeding school year as provided by this Agreement. These non-applicable re-employment rights shall include, but shall not be limited to, the renewal and recall rights set forth in SECTION'S XI (b) & (f) and XIV, as well as the right to grieve the non-renewal of the replacement educator's contract under the grievance/arbitration procedure of this Agreement.

SECTION IX

COMPASSIONATE LEAVE:

(a) DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY

If a member of an educator's immediate family dies, upon notification of the Superintendent or designee, the Superintendent shall grant the educator a leave of absence of up to five (5) school days without loss of compensation. If an educator's and/or educator's spouse/partner's aunt or uncle dies, upon notification of the Superintendent or designee, the Superintendent shall grant the educator up to two (2) school days of leave without loss of compensation. The Superintendent may grant additional leave as they deem appropriate.

Upon approval by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis, other people may be considered "immediate family" for the purpose of compassionate leave.

SECTION X

INSURANCE:

The District agrees to provide insurance coverage for educators as set forth in this Agreement, subject to the eligibility requirements of the individual insurance carrier unless such eligibility requirements are modified by these Terms. The District shall be held harmless for all costs or claims if the insurance carrier denies coverage of such a claim; further, the District shall not be liable for any act or omission of any insurance carrier, its employees or agents, or any person furnishing professional services provided pursuant to the insurance coverage terms. Excluding medical insurance, the District may change the insurance carrier or plan noted herein upon agreement with the Association. If both partners in a marriage or civil union are employed by the District, the District will be obligated to provide only one insurance plan for them as a unit (e.g., two-person or family plan). This plan will be assigned to one of the partners at the discretion of the partners within the regulations of the insurance carrier.

(a) WORKERS' COMPENSATION

If an educator is absent because of an injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of their employment by the District and such injury shall come under Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage, then said educator shall receive the difference between their salary and the monies paid by Workers' Compensation Insurance. Sick or disability leave shall be charged to the educator during such absence in proportion to the percentage of salary actually paid by the District.

(b) MEDICAL INSURANCE

Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 61 (Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits) health care benefits and coverage, excluding stand-alone vision and dental benefits, but including health reimbursement arrangements and health savings accounts, shall be governed by the written agreement incorporating the terms of the statewide health insurance bargaining agreement.

(c) LIFE INSURANCE

The District will provide a group term life insurance policy having a death benefit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each educator while the District employs said educator.

(d) DENTAL INSURANCE

The Board agrees to hold a master policy for a dental insurance plan approved by the Association, which will include orthodontia. It is understood that regardless of any prior practice, all provisions noted in the introductory paragraph of this Section X will be applicable to dental insurance.

(e) DISABILITY INSURANCE

The District shall provide and pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium cost for a long-term disability insurance plan ("LTD") to be selected by the Board. Said plan will provide sixty percent (60%) of an educator's regular salary for a period of up to age sixty-five (65). The specific details of the plan shall be as provided by the insurance carrier's eligibility requirements. Only those educators who are employed for .50 FTE or greater shall be covered by this insurance plan.

(f) HYBRID EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Colchester School District who by virtue of combining their Full Time Equivalency as Support Staff and Educator reach a 100% Full Time School Year Status shall be considered as Full Time Equivalent School Support Staff for the purpose of obtaining the health insurance benefit of Article XII (Compensation), Section A (Medical Insurance) of the Agreement between the Colchester Board of Directors and the Colchester Education Association/Support Staff Unit.

(g) OTHER

An employee who is disabled and cannot return to work after all allowable leaves have been extended may continue coverage under the various group insurance plans provided by the Board, subject to COBRA regulations; provided the employee reimburses the Board monthly for the cost of said coverage.

SECTION XI

EDUCATORS' RIGHTS:

(a) The Board hereby agrees that every educator employed by the District has the right to, or not to freely organize, join and support the C.E.A. and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other activities for mutual benefit. The Board agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive or coerce any educator in the enjoyment of any rights conferred under Chapter 57 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Constitutions of Vermont and the United States that it shall not discriminate against any educator with respect to hours, wages or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of their membership in the C.E.A. and its affiliates, their participation in any lawful activities of the C.E.A. and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Board or their institution of any grievance, complaint, or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any conditions of employment.

In accordance with the CSD Facilities Use Policy, the CEA is permitted to utilize district facilities, provided such use complies with all applicable policies and procedures, including the submission and approval of a building use request form. The CEA's use of district facilities shall be granted, provided the space is available and it does not result in any additional costs to the district. However, in the event of an educator employment strike, the CEA shall not be permitted to use district facilities for the duration of the strike.

Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. 1984, the CEA will have a minimum of 60 minutes to meet with employees during annual new employee orientations. Should an orientation day not be included in the regular workday of new employees, the Association will have the right to meet with a new employee during the employee's regular workday for no less than 60 minutes, within 10 days of their date of hire. All employees will be paid to attend this meeting at their regular rate of pay.

Within 10 calendar days after hiring a new employee into the bargaining unit. The Board will provide the association with the employee's name, job title, worksite location, work telephone number and email address, home address, personal email address, home and personal telephone numbers, and the date of hire to the extent the Board is in possession of such information.

On at least an annual basis, The Board will provide the Association with the complete list, in electronic format, of all employees in the bargaining unit. The list will include the following for each employee to the extent that the board is in possession of such information: the employee's name, job title, worksite location,

work telephone number and email address, home address, personal email address, home and personal telephone numbers, and the date of hire.

- (b) Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the non-renewal, dismissal, or suspension of an educator without just cause right under this agreement may only be appealed by the educator following the procedures outlined in 16 V.S.A. 1752. Educators with just cause rights under the Agreement who wish to appeal their non-renewal, dismissal or suspension will follow the grievance and arbitration procedures of this Agreement. Nothing in this provision shall grant grievance rights greater than already existed under this Agreement and section 1752 before inclusion of the provision.
- (c) Whenever any educator is required to appear before the Superintendent, or the School Board, concerning potential discipline, any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that educator in their employment, or their salary, or any increment pertaining thereto, they shall be given prior written notice for the reasons for such meeting or interview and shall be entitled to have a representative of the association present to advise them during such meeting or interview. Whenever an educator is required to meet with their building administrator regarding the type of issue noted above (potential discipline, etc.) that administrator shall inform the educator of the nature of the meeting and the educator shall be entitled to have an Association representative present at said meeting. This provision shall not preclude an impromptu timely discussion to note an unsatisfactory occurrence.
- (d) Any educator holding a contract that the Board does not intend to renew, except due to a reduction in staff, will be so notified on or before March 15. If an educator is not notified that they will not be reemployed by March 15, s/he shall receive a contract for the following year. Any notice shall clearly set forth the reasons for non-renewal.
- (e) The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of the educator's dues for the Colchester Education Association, Vermont-NEA, Inc., and the National Education Association as said educators individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct and transmit the monies to the Colchester Education Association. Educator authorization shall be in writing on a form agreed upon by the C.E.A. and the Board. Deductions will be made in twenty-two (22) or twenty-six (26) equal installments or, in the case of an authorization received during the school year, in equal installments for the remainder of the school year. Payroll deduction authorizations for Association dues shall be continuous from year to year unless an educator leaves the School District or notifies the Association, in writing with a copy to the Superintendent, prior to July 1 of any year to terminate said

deductions. The Association shall notify the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of such action in writing.

Educators hereby waive all rights and claims for said monies so deducted and transmitted in accordance with this authorization and relieve the Board and all its officers or representatives from any liability thereof.

NOTE: The form for C.E.A. Dues Payroll Deduction is found in Appendix D.

- (f) Each educator newly hired by the District shall work under a probationary appointment for a period of two (2) full school years. During this period of probation, a decision to suspend, dismiss, or not re-employ an individual may not be grieved under provisions of this Agreement. During this period of probation, an individual who is given notice of suspension, dismissal, or non-renewal may appeal said action only pursuant to the process set forth in Title 16 V.S.A. Section 1752. During this probationary period, all evaluation and contract renewal dates provided by this Agreement shall be applicable. The evaluation process and procedures shall be the Colchester School District Educator Evaluation Model-Framework for Teaching: Components of Professional Practice approved by the School Board and the Colchester Education Association.
- (g) The Board shall have the right to issue an educator a non-renewable employment contract for a period of one (1) full school year or less and such educators shall not be entitled to protection of the just cause dismissal and contract renewal rights, and layoff/recall rights provided by this Agreement. Such non-renewable contracts may be issued due to program requirements i.e.:
 - a. grant funding/pilot program/SAP.
 - b. replaces an educator who has resigned or been terminated during a school year or over the summer vacation, or
 - c. replaces an educator who is on leave of absence.

If an educator who was issued a non-renewable contract is re-hired by the District for the school year immediately following employment under the non-renewable contract year, they shall be credited with seniority for the time employed under the non-renewable contract.

SECTION XII

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

(a) If the request is made, the Board shall prepay any educator who requests payment for an accredited college or university course or any equivalent workshop/conference that has been approved by the superintendent in advance that is deemed related to their instructional responsibilities at least thirty (30) days in advance.

The Board will reimburse any educator who requests reimbursement for an accredited college or university course or any workshop/conference that has been approved by the superintendent in advance that is deemed related to their instructional responsibilities if the request is made less than thirty (30) days in advance.

Payment shall be limited to an annual amount equal to the cost of a maximum of three (3) credits at the prevailing in-state tuition rate for the University of Vermont plus deferred tuition charges if applicable.

Educators who are enrolled in a master's degree or post-master's program may receive reimbursement for up to the total cost of six (6) credits at the prevailing in-state tuition rate for the University of Vermont.

If a course is offered for "grade credit," the educator must earn at least a grade of B to qualify for reimbursement. If the course is offered only on a "pass/fail" basis, the educator must pass the course to qualify for reimbursement.

If a course, workshop, or conference is taken based on a prepayment plan and a grade of B is not achieved or they do not receive a "pass" in a pass/fail situation, the district will request the full payment to be returned to the district. The employee will have thirty (30) days to return the payment. If the payment is not returned in thirty (30) days, the district will garnish wages to recover payment.

Each educator who has applied for tuition reimbursement has 90 days following the completion of the course to request reimbursement. Failure to submit a timely (within 90 days) request for reimbursement will result in the forfeiture of the benefit unless there is a mitigating situation completely outside the control of the educator.

(b) Reimbursement for workshops and conferences may be provided at the discretion of the Superintendent and shall be limited to the cost of registration, materials,

and travel. Requests for approval/disapproval decisions for such reimbursement must be made to the district administration in advance of the educator registering for the workshop or conference.

SECTION XIII

EDUCATOR EVALUATION:

- (a) All monitoring or observation of the work performance of the educator will be conducted openly. The use of eavesdropping, public address or audio systems and similar surveillance devices will be prohibited.
- (b) The evaluation process and procedures will be the Colchester School District Professional Growth Model approved in 2024-2025 by the School Board and the Colchester Education Association.

PERSONNEL FILE:

- (a) Educators will have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their personnel file and to receive a copy of any documents contained therein. An educator will be entitled to have a representative of the Association accompany him/her during such review.
- (b) No material derogatory to an educator's conduct, services, character, or personality will be placed in their personnel file unless the educator has had an opportunity to review the material. The educator shall acknowledge that they have had a chance to review such materials by affixing their initials to the file copy with the expressed understanding that such signature does not indicate agreement with the contents thereof. The educator will also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and their answer will be reviewed by the Superintendent, or their designee, and attached to the file copy.

COMPLAINTS:

(a) Any complaint regarding an educator made to any member of the administration by any parent, student or other person which is used in any manner in evaluating an educator will be promptly investigated and called to the attention of the educator. The educator will be given an opportunity to respond to and/or rebut such complaint. If, after investigation, the complaint is deemed unwarranted by both parties, it shall be destroyed, and no reference will be made in an educator's personnel file.

SECTION XIV

REDUCTION IN STAFF:

Should it become necessary, in the judgment of the Board, to reduce the size of the teaching staff, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) NOTIFICATION TO THE C.E.A.

The C.E.A. shall be notified of any contemplated reduction in staff (layoff), stating curriculum area and the number of staff as early as possible; but not later than March 23rd.

(b) REASSIGNMENT OF STAFF

If an opening exists for which an educator affected by the reduction in staff is certified and qualified, they will be transferred to that position.

(c) NOTIFICATION OF EDUCATORS

Notification to an educator who is to be laid off shall be made as soon as practical, but in no event later than May 1st. Notice to the educator shall be in writing and will contain the reason for the layoff.

(d) REDUCTION IN STAFF PROCEDURE

When necessary, educators shall be laid off in reverse order of seniority within educator's area of instruction, i.e., "subject matter assignment" for secondary level, pre-K - 6 for elementary level, and pre-K - 12 for specialist positions.

Specialist positions shall include music, art, physical education, librarian, counselors, special education, alternative, planning room, Title I math and reading, social worker.

After the above noted lay-off procedures have been applied, an educator scheduled for lay-off may displace the least senior educator in another area of instruction if said educator is more senior and is certified/licensed to teach in that area. If the educator is certified in more than one (1) area, the displacement shall be in the area where the least senior educator is employed. Only one (1) displacement may occur per educator lay-off. The displaced educator is not entitled to displace another educator.

(e) SENIORITY

Seniority shall be defined as "District wide" not primarily the area of instruction or level of instruction. Seniority will be computed from the beginning of an educator's most recent period of continuous employment in the School District and will begin to accrue as of the date and time that the contract was signed, commencing that period of employment. A seniority list will be established on April 30th (end of the school day) each year.

The District shall be responsible for the creation of a seniority list, identifying each employee's seniority status. A copy of the list shall be provided to the Association on or before November 10th of each year. Grievances concerning the list shall be presented to the Superintendent on or before December 15th.

Part-time educators will accrue seniority on a pro-rata basis. Educators employed above the 1.0 FTE will accrue seniority at the rate of 1.0 FTE.

Seniority will continue to accrue during all paid leaves of absence and for a period of two (2) years from September 1st next following the effective date of the layoff. Seniority will not be broken by unpaid leaves of absence or employment by the Board in a position outside the negotiating unit, but such time will not be counted in computing seniority.

NOTE: See Section VIII - Extended Leaves, for description of leaves.

(f) RECALL RIGHTS

If there is a vacancy in a negotiating unit position, laid off educators who have previously held the eligible position in the Colchester School District and hold a valid Vermont Educators license will be recalled. Educators are not eligible to be recalled for positions that are not under their previously held position's license(s) while employed by the Colchester School District. Positions that require the educator to hold only a general educators license will only have recall rights to the positions they have held in the Colchester School District.

(g) PART-TIME EDUCATORS

Nothing in this section shall preclude a part-time educator who is not laid off from being transferred to a full-time position in the bargaining unit.

SECTION XV

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

I. DEFINITIONS

- a. Any written claim by the Association, an educator or group of educators stating the intent to grieve under the contractual grievance procedure, and alleging that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the written terms of this contract, shall be given a grievance. Effective January 1, 2023, grievances involving the application of the terms of the statewide health insurance shall be processed according to the statewide health care grievance procedure.
- b. A grievant may be any person or person's subject to or having the benefits of this contract.
- c. Time Limits All time limits consist of weekdays excluding legal holidays. Failure of the grievant or the Association to adhere to these time limits shall terminate the grievance as invalid. Failure by the Board or its representatives to render a decision within these time limits shall be construed as a denial of the grievance and the grievant may proceed to the next step of the procedure. Time limits may be extended by agreement, in writing, between the grievant and the Superintendent.
- d. Representation The grievant shall, at all steps in the formal grievance procedure herein provided for, be entitled to be represented exclusively by a representative of the C.E.A., or to appear with the assistance of such representative. If the grievant is not represented by the C.E.A. at any stage of the formal grievance procedure, the C.E.A. shall have the right to be present at all proceedings. At the completion of presentation of evidence, the C.E.A. representative will have the opportunity to present its position on the case either orally or, if in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours. Prior to the commencement of a formal grievance procedure, nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any educator having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with their supervisor and having the grievance so resolved.
- e. No grievance shall be given consideration unless it is filed within fifteen (15) days after the grievant had knowledge of or could have been expected to have knowledge of the occurrence that gave rise to the grievance.

II. STEP 1

The grievant shall present the grievance in writing to their building principal who shall meet with the grievant within five (5) days after receipt of the grievance. The principal

shall provide the grievant with a written response to the grievance within five (5) days after meeting. Such response shall include the specific reasons upon which the decision was based.

STEP 2

If a grievance filed at Step 1 is not resolved, the grievant shall present their grievance, and the principal their response, to the Superintendent within five (5) days after the receipt of the principal's response. The Superintendent shall meet with the grievant and the principal within five (5) days after receipt of the documents. Each party has the right to include in its presentation such witnesses, and evidence as will develop facts pertinent to the grievance. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the Superintendent shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, render their written decision to the grievant, specifically setting forth the reasons on which their decision is based.

STEP 3

If a grievance filed at Step 2 is not resolved, then the grievant may appeal, by giving written notice of appeal to the Board within five (5) days after receipt of the Superintendent's decision. Copies of the original written grievance, the supervisor's response, if any, and the Superintendent's decision shall accompany the notice of appeal. The Board shall meet with all interested parties within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice of appeal. The parties shall have the right to include in its presentation such witnesses, and evidence as will develop facts pertinent to the grievance. Upon conclusion of the meeting the Board shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, render its decision in writing. Such response shall include the specific reasons upon which the decision is based.

STEP 4

If a grievance filed as Step 3 is not resolved, then the Association may, within ten (10) days after receipt of the Board's decision, give notice to the Board of intent to submit the grievance to final and binding arbitration. Should the parties be unable to agree upon an arbitrator within fifteen (15) days from the request for arbitration, then an arbitrator shall be requested by the Association within ten (10) days from the American Arbitration Association under its rules for voluntary arbitration. If not so requested, the grievance shall be deemed withdrawn.

Decision of the arbitrator in matters of grievance shall be final and binding; however, it is expressly agreed that the arbitrator shall have no power to alter the terms of this contract. It is also agreed that the arbitrator is empowered to include in any award such financial reimbursements or other remedies as they shall judge to be proper.

Unless otherwise agreed, neither the Board nor the grievant will be permitted to assert any grounds before the arbitrator which was not previously disclosed to the other party.

The cost of the arbitrator (fees and expenses) shall be split between the parties.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. The supervisor, if any, the Superintendent, the Board, the grievant, and the grievant's representatives, if any, shall cooperate and assist one another in the investigation of any grievances and shall furnish to each other, upon request, any information which is established to be pertinent to the grievance.
- b. If the grievant and the Superintendent agree, Step 1 of the grievance procedure set forth herein may be eliminated and the grievance shall proceed from Step 2.
- c. A grievance may be withdrawn at any time.
- d. All correspondence, records or other documents relating to the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the regular personnel files of the participants.
- e. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken against any person because of their participation in the grievance procedure set forth herein.

SECTION XVI

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- (a) All educators shall have a duty free lunch period each day at least as long as the students' lunch period is in the same school building and scheduled during normal student lunch blocks.
- (b) Each elementary educator is guaranteed a planning period of 60 minutes per day during the student day. If a continuous block is not possible, then the 60 minutes will be divided into no more than 2 blocks.
- (c) The high school principal will assign five instructional periods to educators. In addition, the principal will assign the educator a preparation period and a supervisory period. The principal and the educator will mutually agree upon an additional period dedicated to supporting student achievement.
- (d) Educators are professional employees. Educators will meet their professional obligations and structure their workday to achieve this end. The length of an educator day shall be seven and one half (7.5) continuous hours per day, except as provided below. The length of professional time assigned to instructing or supervising students shall not exceed 5.5 hours per day, except as provided. Educator responsibility is not limited to the actual hours spent in class, but extends to the point at which daily objectives are met in terms of the overall responsibilities of the profession. This in no way implies that the educator's responsibility has ceased upon leaving the school.

Definition of supervision of students: "Supervision of Students" shall be defined as any period during which an educator is assigned responsibility for the instruction of students and/or the oversight of student safety or activities. This includes, but is not limited to, duties occurring before or after the official student day, as well as supervision during lunch, recess, or other assigned non-instructional periods involving student oversight. It is an educator's professional responsibility to support and protect the welfare of all students and the school environment. Should a student's welfare or the school environment be in jeopardy, educators will step into a supervisory role even if not directly assigned.

(e) In cases of emergencies, as determined by the Superintendent and/or building administrators, educators may be required to exceed their student-facing hours or have a reduction in or miss their guaranteed planning time, to ensure that safety procedures are followed and supported for all members of the community.

(f) The Superintendent shall convene a committee of educators and administrators jointly selected by the administration and the Association, including the superintendent. The superintendent shall serve as chair of the committee. The committee shall discuss working conditions and develop draft recommendations for the School Board to review. Such recommendations shall be completed by October 1, 2026. The recommendations shall be presented to the School Board as part of the next contract's negotiations.

SECTION XVII

GENERAL:

- (a) The Board and the Association agree that there will be no discrimination in the hiring, training, assignment, promotion, transfer or discipline of educators or in application or administration of this Agreement or any other rule, regulation, or policy relating to the terms and conditions of educator employment on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, domicile, disability or marital status.
- (b) The Board will amend its written policies and take such other action as may be necessary to give full force and effect to the provisions of this Agreement.
- (c) This agreement will be posted on the District website.
- (d) If any provisions of this Agreement or any application thereof is held by the courts to be contrary to law, then such provision or application will not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications will continue in full force and effect. The parties will meet not later than thirty (30) days after any such holding for the purpose of renegotiating the provision or provisions affected.

SECTION XVIII

MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS:

- (a) In recognition of the fact that the Laws of the State of Vermont vest responsibility in the Board for the quality of education and the efficient and economical operation of the Colchester School District, it is hereby agreed that, except as specifically and directly modified by express language in a specific provision of this Agreement, the Board retains all rights and powers that it has or may hereinafter be granted by law, and may exercise such powers at its discretion.
- (b) The Board agrees that it will notify the Association and bargain in good faith before altering any conditions of employment which are mandatory subjects of bargaining, applicable on the effective date of this Agreement with consideration given to past practices of the Board as well as the needs of the District.

SECTION XIX

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ARBITRATION:

In accordance with 12 V.S.A. §5652(b), the Board and the Association understand that this Agreement contains an agreement to arbitrate. After signing this Agreement, the Board and the Association understand that they will not be able to bring a lawsuit concerning any dispute that may arise which is covered by the arbitration agreement, unless it involves a question of constitutional or civil rights. Instead, the parties agree to submit any such dispute to an impartial arbitrator in accordance with the provisions contained in this article.

SECTION XX

DURATION:

The provisions of this Agreement will be effective as of July 1, 2025, or except as otherwise noted in a specific provision of this Agreement and will continue and remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2027. This Agreement will automatically be renewed and will continue in full force and effect for additional periods of one (1) year unless either the Board or the Association gives written notice to the other not later than November 1, 2026, prior to the expiration date of any anniversary thereof, of its desire to reopen negotiations to establish a successor Agreement.

This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were the subject of negotiations. During the life of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether covered by this document.

This Agreement may not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties set their hands and seals.

COLCHESTER BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

COLCHESTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

BY: Nickie L. Brum 8-13-25

President Date
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Colchester School District

Salary Schedule

2025 - 2026

Base:	\$53,442					3 1					7. 3.	
Step	BA		BA/15		BA/30		MA		MA/15		MA/30	
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1	\$53,442	1.0000	\$56,916	1.0650	\$60,390	1.1300	\$65,199	1.2200	\$68,673	1.2850	\$72,147	1.3500
2	\$55,847	1.0450	\$59,321	1.1100	\$62,794	1.1750	\$67,604	1.2650	\$71,078	1.3300	\$74,552	1.3950
3	\$58,252	1.0900	\$61,726	1.1550	\$65,199	1.2200	\$70,009	1.3100	\$73,483	1.3750	\$76,957	1.4400
4	\$60,657	1.1350	\$64,131	1.2000	\$67,604	1.2650	\$72,414	1.3550	\$75,888	1.4200	\$79,362	1.4850
5	\$63,062	1.1800	\$66,535	1.2450	\$70,009	1.3100	\$74,819	1.4000	\$78,293	1.4650	\$81,766	1.5300
6	\$65,467	1.2250	\$68,940	1.2900	\$72,414	1.3550	\$77,224	1.4450	\$80,698	1.5100	\$84,171	1.5750
7	\$67,871	1.2700	\$71,345	1.3350	\$74,819	1.4000	\$79,629	1.4900	\$83,102	1.5550	\$86,576	1.6200
8	\$70,276	1.3150	\$73,750	1.3800	\$77,224	1.4450	\$82,034	1.5350	\$85,507	1.6000	\$88,981	1.6650
9	\$72,681	1.3600	\$76,155	1.4250	\$79,629	1.4900	\$84,439	1.5800	\$87,912	1.6450	\$91,386	1.7100
10	\$75,086	1.4050	\$78,560	1.4700	\$82,034	1.5350	\$86,843	1.6250	\$90,317	1.6900	\$93,791	1.7550
11	\$77,491	1.4500	\$80,965	1.5150	\$84,439	1.5800	\$89,248	1.6700	\$92,722	1.7350	\$96,196	1.8000
12	\$79,896	1.4950	\$83,370	1.5600	\$86,843	1.6250	\$91,653	1.7150	\$95,127	1.7800	\$98,601	1.8450
13	\$82,301	1.5400	\$85,775	1.6050	\$89,248	1.6700	\$94,058	1.7600	\$97,532	1.8250	\$101,006	1.8900
14	\$84,706	1.5850	\$88,179	1.6500	\$91,653	1.7150	\$96,463	1.8050	\$99,937	1.8700	\$103,410	1.9350
15	\$87,111	1.6300	\$90,584	1.6950	\$94,058	1.7600	\$98,868	1.8500	\$102,342	1.9150	\$105,815	1.9800
16	\$89,516	1.6750	\$92,989	1.7400	\$96,463	1.8050	\$101,273	1.8950	\$104,746	1.9600	\$108,220	2.0250

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Colchester School District Salary Schedule

2026 - 2027

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Base:	\$55,703			1	1		(44)				7	
Step	BA		BA/15		BA/30	20	MA		MA/15		MA/30	
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1	\$55,703	1.0000	\$59,324	1.0650	\$62,944	1.1300	\$67,958	1.2200	\$71,578	1.2850	\$75,199	1.3500
2	\$58,210	1.0450	\$61,830	1.1100	\$65,451	1.1750	\$70,464	1.2650	\$74,085	1.3300	\$77,706	1.3950
3	\$60,716	1.0900	\$64,337	1.1550	\$67,958	1.2200	\$72,971	1.3100	\$76,592	1.3750	\$80,212	1.4400
4	\$63,223	1.1350	\$66,844	1.2000	\$70,464	1.2650	\$75,478	1.3550	\$79,098	1.4200	\$82,719	1.4850
5	\$65,730	1.1800	\$69,350	1.2450	\$72,971	1.3100	\$77,984	1.4000	\$81,605	1.4650	\$85,226	1.5300
6	\$68,236	1.2250	\$71,857	1.2900	\$75,478	1.3550	\$80,491	1.4450	\$84,112	1.5100	\$87,732	1.5750
7	\$70,743	1.2700	\$74,364	1.3350	\$77,984	1.4000	\$82,997	1.4900	\$86,618	1.5550	\$90,239	1.6200
8	\$73,249	1.3150	\$76,870	1.3800	\$80,491	1.4450	\$85,504	1.5350	\$89,125	1.6000	\$92,745	1.6650
9	\$75,756	1.3600	\$79,377	1.4250	\$82,997	1.4900	\$88,011	1.5800	\$91,631	1.6450	\$95,252	1.7100
10	\$78,263	1.4050	\$81,883	1.4700	\$85,504	1.5350	\$90,517	1.6250	\$94,138	1.6900	\$97,759	1.7550
11	\$80,769	1.4500	\$84,390	1.5150	\$88,011	1.5800	\$93,024	1.6700	\$96,645	1.7350	\$100,265	1.8000
12	\$83,276	1.4950	\$86,897	1.5600	\$90,517	1.6250	\$95,531	1.7150	\$99,151	1.7800	\$102,772	1.8450
13	\$85,783	1.5400	\$89,403	1.6050	\$93,024	1.6700	\$98,037	1.7600	\$101,658	1.8250	\$105,279	1.8900
14	\$88,289	1.5850	\$91,910	1.6500	\$95,531	1.7150	\$100,544	1.8050	\$104,165	1.8700	\$107,785	1.9350
15	\$90,796	1.6300	\$94,417	1.6950	\$98,037	1.7600	\$103,051	1.8500	\$106,671	1.9150	\$110,292	1.9800
16	\$93,303	1.6750	\$96,923	1.7400	\$100,544	1.8050	\$105,557	1.8950	\$109,178	1.9600	\$112,799	2.0250

Appendix B

Other Compensations

- (a) Any High School educator appointed as a "Educator/Team Leader" (as per job description approved by the Board) shall be paid, in addition to their basic salary, an increment of 8.12% of the current year base salary. In addition, Educator/Team Leaders will be relieved of one class, or .2 FTE. Educator/Team Leaders will retain full benefits as a full-time educator, including retirement, benefits, and accrual of seniority. The Board may renew the assignment as an Educator/Team Leader annually, at which time the Educator/Team Leader may elect to return to their teaching position.
- (b) Any educator covered by these Terms of Employment who is requested or required to teach more than the number of days set forth in these Terms shall be paid at the rate of 1/187 of their salary for each additional day worked at their regular assignment. "Regular assignment" is understood to be the teaching of students.

Any educator covered by these terms who is requested to work on any task outside the scope of this agreement shall be paid at the hourly rates below when approved by the Superintendent.

- \$ \$52.50/hour for curriculum development and academic tutoring for a student or group of students
- \$36.00/hour for any work other than curriculum development or academic tutoring (such as moving a classroom outside of the school day)
- (d) The per hour rate that Driver education educators are paid for extra hours shall be 0.115% of the current year base salary.
- (e) SUMMER SCHOOL:

If the District conducts a summer school program, it is recognized that these Terms of Employment shall not be applicable to individuals employed to teach in the summer program. All terms and conditions of employment shall be established pursuant to Board policy.

It is further recognized that employment in said summer school program shall be offered to District educators first on a purely voluntary basis and that any member of the bargaining unit represented by the C.E.A. who is offered the opportunity to teach in the summer program is free to refuse such offer of employment without fear of retaliation.

Appendix C

Colchester School District

Contract for Teaching

1.	This agreement between «First_Name» «Last_Name» of «Residence», Educator and the Board of School Directors of Colchester is hereby made for the school year beginning July 1, 20XX and ending June 30, 20XX.
2.	The period of service shall begin July 1, 20XX and continue for not more than
	«Teaching_Days» school days.
	In addition, the educator agrees to attend educational meetings or to visit schools
	not to exceed «Addl_Days» days as directed by the Superintendent of Schools.
3.	Teaching Salary of: «Salary»
4.	Grade assignment or subject matter assignment: «Position»
5.	Said educator (holds) (is eligible to hold) the following grade of certification: «Levels» which expires on «Expiration».
	College degree held: «Degree» Grade: «Grade» Credits above Grade: «Credits»
	Total years teaching experience: «Teaching_Exper»
	Years of Service: «Yrs_of_Service»
	ing this contract, the educator acknowledges that terms and conditions of employment shall be as set forth in gotiated Agreement between the Colchester Board of School Directors and the Colchester Education ation.
Date S	igned
Ву	
	Educator
Date A	pproved Date Approved

For Office Use Only:

Salary Schedule Placement: «Salary_Placement»

Board Clerk

Account Code: «Acct_Code»

Superintendent of Schools

Building: «Building»

Appendix D

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dues Authorization Form

NAME:		Y Davis	
ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL:		TOTE A GREEN TO THE STATE OF TH	
I hereby authorize the Bo	oard of School Dir	rectors (here in after referred to a	IS
the "Board") to deduct from my ear	nings and transmi	it to the Colchester Education	
Association (here in after referred to	o as the "Associati	ion") an amount sufficient for	
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to the Board) in substantially equal	payments pursuan	nt to the Agreement between the	
Board and the Association. I under			
deductions for any school year only	if I notify the Ass	sociation, in writing, with a copy	
to the Superintendent, on or before	the July 1st prior t	to the beginning of any school	
year, I here-by waive all right and c			
in accordance with this authorizatio	on, and I relieve the	e Board and all its officers or	
representatives from any liability th	iereof.		
Signature:	Date:		